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SUBJ: DPC MEETING, 15 MAY 1975, AGENDA ITEM 8;; INFRASTRUCTURE
CEILING AND COST SHARING FOR SLICES XXVI-XXX (PROGRAM 1975-1979)
- PROGRESS REPORT

REFS: A. USNATO 2623; B. USNATO 2647; C. DPC/D(75)13

SUMMARY. DPC HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF TURKISH POSITION ON CONTRIBUTION TO US SPECIAL PROGRAM, FOUND IT UNCHANGED, AND AGREED TO REFER MATTER TO MINISTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG INTRODUCED THE SUBJECT BY REMINDING THE DPC THAT, WHILE THERE HAD BEEN UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON THE IAU 400 MILLION CEILING IN THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING, THERE HAD BEEN SOME OBSTACLES TO AGREEMENT ON THE COST SHARING FORMULA, PARTICULARLY THE US SPECIAL PROGRAM. HE RECALLED THE STATEMENT OF THE TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER MR. SANCAR) AND SAID THAT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN TRYING SINCE DECEMBER TO FIND A WAY TO ALLOW TURKEY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SLICES XXVI-XXX WITHOUT OVERTURNING QUOTE THE ELABORATELY WORKED-OUT COST SHARING ARRANGEMENT UNQUOTE. THUS FAR, THE OTHER COUNTRIES HAD TAKEN THE VIEW THAT, IF ANY ONE COUNTRY FELT IT COULD NOT CONTRIBUTE
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ITS FULL SHARE, THE FORMULA WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF THE DPC COULD NOT REACH AGREEMENT TODAY, IT WOULD HAVE TO REFER THE MATTER TO THE MINISTERS.

2. ERALP (TURKEY) SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO CHANGE THE TURKISH POSITION IN ANY WAY AND SAID GOT CONTINUED TO OBJECT TO THE FUNDING OF NON-ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE. HE THEN REPEATED THE SOMEWHAT OBSCURE TURKISH PROPOSAL THAT TURKEY PAY THE INCREASED SHARE TENTATIVELY PROPOSED FOR HER IN OPTIONS TWO, THREE AND FOUR OF ANNEX TO DPC/D(74)27 FOR SLICES XXVI-XXX, BUT ONLY TO THAT PART OF THE FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM WHICH REPRESENTS NORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE, I.E., APPROXIMATELY IAU 371 MILLION.

3. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) QUESTIONED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ERLAP'S PRESENT POSITION AND THE TURKISH POSITION OF DECEMBER, AND ERALP AGREED THAT THERE WAS NOT. THEN, GENERALLY REFLECTING THE VIEWS AROUND THE TABLE (AS WE HAVE OBSERVED THOSE VIEWS IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION), MENZIES (CANADA) SAID THAT WHILE HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE TURKISH INSISTENCE ON PRINCIPLE, UNFORTUNATELY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE ALLIANCE WERE ALSO QUOTE BURDENED WITH PRINCIPLE UNQUOTE. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE ALLIES WOULD HAVE TO LET THE MINISTERS SEEK A COMPROMISE. BRUCE

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